

ASPIA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MARCH 19, 1986
MINUTES

8:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Norio Santiago-Mercado
Elio Suarez-Merneck
Ruth Lopez-Aleazar
Carlos Hernandez
Samuel Elcoron
Marlene Vega, Jr.
Raul Nieto
Rafael Valencia, CHAIR PERSON

ABSENT:

Stane Maldonado-Carvajal
Gerardo Labej
Margarita Schenarria

1. Notice of Filing

Chair asked for consensus that adequate notice was given regarding the scheduled Board meeting.

Unanimous consensus was given.

2. Approval Minutes of Last Meeting

Chair asked for approval of November 1978 meeting minutes with the additional remark that Gerardo Labej was not present. Carlos Hernandez moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Marlene Vega, Jr. Unanimous approval of minutes.

3. Finance Committee Report

Carlos Hernandez, Vice Chair

Mr. Hernandez apologized that due to conditions in schedule there had not been a Finance Committee meeting held since January but would schedule one as soon as possible. Maria Finarrreaga-de Vera shared with Board, for the record, the Agency Expenditures Report, Revenue and Disbursement Report for the fiscal year up to January 31, 1986. In addition she distributed the Statement of Cash as of February 19, 1986.

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4. Program Report

Marlene Vega, Jr., Vice Chair

Marlene Vega stated that the last Program Committee was only attended by the Executive Director and Ms. Elena Maldonado. All other members including he did not attend and therefore the meeting could not take place.

He also stated that due to the demands of his new position as Director of Welfare in Jersey City he would not be able to give 1988 participation as Chair of the Committee and therefore tendered his resignation as Chair effective immediately. The Chair proposed the installation of Ms. Maria Mercado as Vice Chair of Program for the remainder of the Program year.

Ms. Mercado stated that she would be willing to carry that responsibility if the Board so desired with the condition that it would only be affirmative for the remainder of the Program year.

Elena Vance moved to accept Ms. Mercado as Interim Chair through the remainder of year. Seconded by Samuel Gutierrez. Approval was unanimous.

5. Executive Director's Report - See attached

Paul Martin moved to accept Executive Director's Report. Seconded by Ms. Mercado. Approval was unanimous.

6. Chair Report

Chair formally thanked Dr. Vance and Ms. Maldonado for the excellent job performed as Co-Chairs of the Annual Luncheon.

He then stated that ASFIRM needs to solidify its workplan for the next three years that would incorporate a tight time frame of implementation as it relates to the Organization's thrust as its priorities.

He therefore stated that a meeting of the Executive Committee would be set at the end of the meeting to address this issue.

He alerted the Board of State budget hearings that would be taking place during March and April. He would be sending all of the members the schedule and asked that they attend those meetings in their areas to speak on behalf of ASFIRM.

He concluded by saying that he would distribute minutes of the National Board meetings so that the Board members would be able to keep abreast of the developments there.

7. Selection of Student Members of the Board

After discussion of the involvement of students in preparation for the ASPRA Youth Congress Conference on May 3rd, Mariano Vega, Jr. moved that the selection of students be ratified at the May Board meeting and that those finalists not selected be sent letters on behalf of the Board of Directors congratulating them for their commitment.

Seconded by Ruth Lago-Alvarez. Unanimously approved.

8. Selection of a Secretary

The Chair noted that a Secretary was needed for the remainder of the Program year.

Mariano Vega volunteered to serve in that capacity. The Board approved this offer by acclamation.

9. Capital Development Fund

The Chair emphasized the importance of moving on the Capital Campaign and the acquisition of property. After extensive discussion on the matter, the Board decided to have a one day retreat to concentrate on the logistics for implementation.

It was agreed that the Board would hold a planning retreat on April 13, 1986 from 9:30 - 1:00 P.M. at the home of Maria Villarreal-de Soto:

518 Highland Avenue
Newark, New Jersey (Directions attached).

NEW BUSINESS

Chair noted to the Board that Caridad Lohoy had accumulated three absences and would therefore be sent a letter that her membership on the Board be terminated.

Carlos Hernandez moved the issue as a motion which was seconded by Mariano Vega. Approval was unanimous.


For Dr. Lago-Alvarez's benefit the Chair reiterated that the reason that the Board has taken a firm stand on the expenditure policy is to ensure that the scarce funds, which presented productivity at meetings in the previous year, did not depend on the progress of the Board Agenda. There is a programmatic as well as legal responsibility on the part of the Board to execute policy that must be upheld if the Association is to move forward.

Mr. Mercado recommended that procedures and illustrations for recruitment and election of New Board members be in place for the May Board meeting. There was unanimous agreement on this issue.

Carlos Hernandez moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mariano Vega, Jr. Approval unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by:


Maria Vicmarcondes-De Soto
Executive Director

Approved by:


Mariano Vega, Jr.
Secretary

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